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AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE

"THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" IS THE LATEST VOLUME OF AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ADVANCED STUDY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE, WITH CARL VEAZIE AS EDITOR. LIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE," "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" TAKES A DETAILED LOOK AT IMPORTANT RESOURCES OF THE STATE. DATA FOR THE ATLAS WAS GATHERED FROM MANY FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT MAINE.

THE EARLIER VOLUME, "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE," DESCRIBES AN ECONOMY AS "THE SYSTEM BY WHICH...WE EARN AND SPEND OUR MONEY." TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF MAINE'S ECONOMY, THE PUBLICATION DISCUSSES GROSS VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED, WAGES AND EARNINGS, SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENTS, INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION, AND MULTIPLIERS. THEN EACH OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND INDUSTRIAL GROUPS ARE REVIEWED IN TERMS OF GROWTH AND GROWTH POTENTIAL, PRODUCT VALUE, EMPLOYMENT, AND GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION.

"THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" COVERS MAINE HISTORY AND POPULATION GROWTH AS WELL AS MORE CONTEMPORARY ISSUES SUCH AS EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, INCOME, LEISURE ACTIVITIES, AND HOUSING. A SECTION ON MAINE'S LABOR FORCE INCLUDES FULL- AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, AND EARNINGS. THE GOVERNMENT SECTION COVERS THE STRUCTURE OF MAINE'S LEGISLATIVE AND PLANNING DISTRICTS, LOCAL AND STATE INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES, AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. A FINAL SECTION ON PUBLIC POLICIES AND PROBLEMS ADDRESSES SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH WILL AFFECT THE STATE'S FUTURE.

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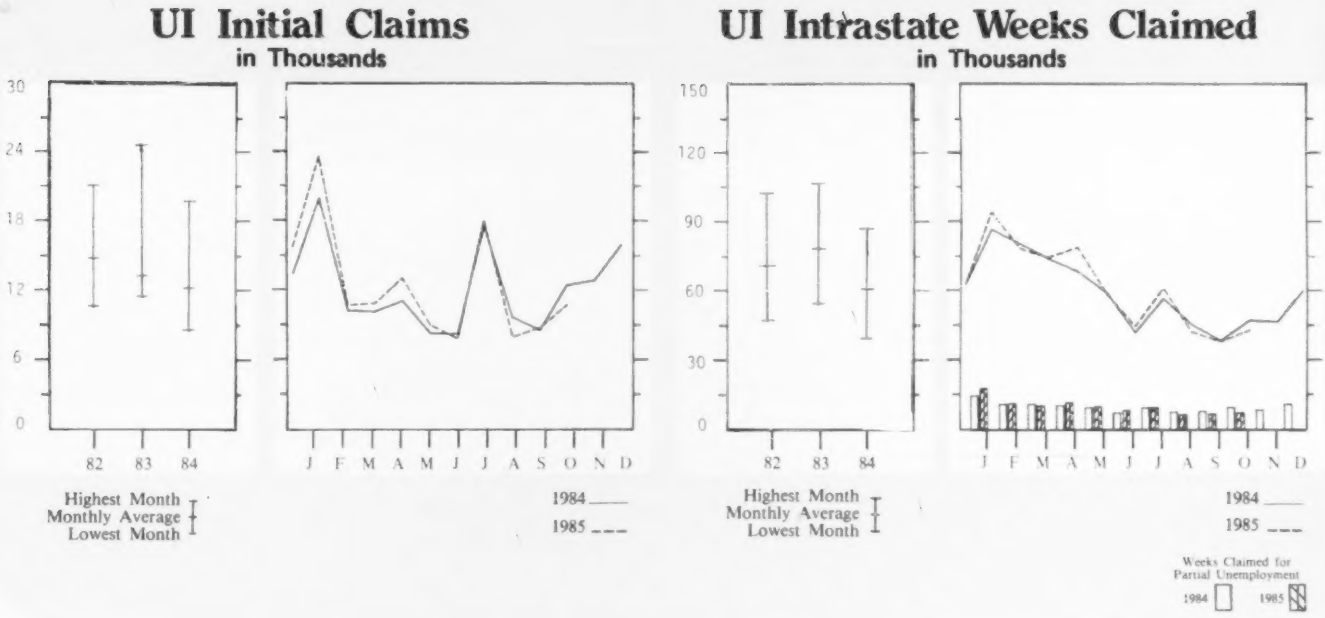

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THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH WAS PLEASED TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE. FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM THE G.G. MONKS FOUNDATION, THE EXXON CORPORATION, AND THE MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION. COPIES OF "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE" ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF $2.50 EACH, OR $1.50 EACH FOR 10 OR MORE COPIES. A STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT OF OVER 80 PAGES IS AVAILABLE FOR $1.00. "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" CARRIES A COST OF $3.00 EACH FOR SINGLE COPIES, OR $2.00 FOR 10 OR MORE. THE STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT FOR "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" COSTS $1.00, OR $.50 EACH FOR ORDERS OF 10 OR MORE. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE" AND SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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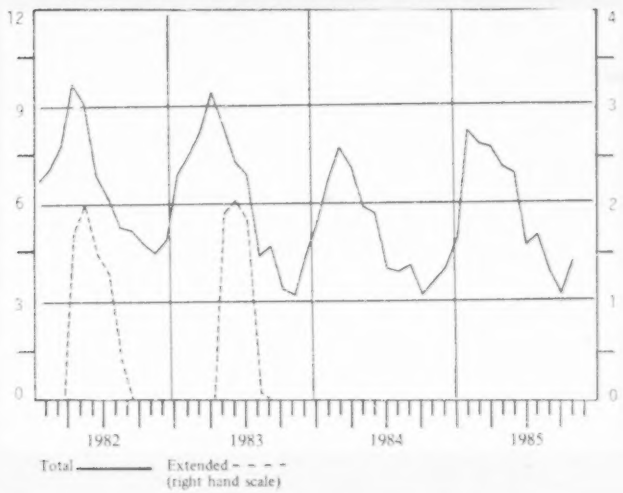
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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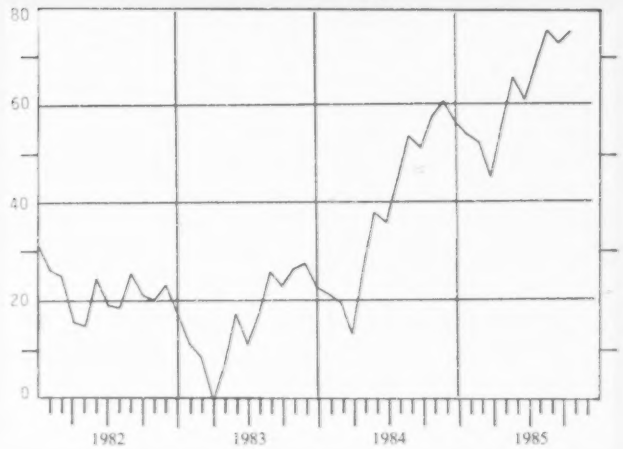
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	464.3	464.5	456.0	107.1	106.1	104.7	37.5	37.4	36.7
Total Manufacturing	105.2	103.0	111.0	16.0	15.5	16.[illegible]	10.6	10.7	11.2
Durable Goods	43.8	40.6	45.7	7.6	7.1	8.1	2.5	2.5	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	15.0	15.0	14.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.9	4.2	1.8	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.4	9.5	9.6	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.8	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	8.4	4.8	9.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.8	3.6	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	61.4	62.4	65.3	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.2	8.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.3	8.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.4	1.5
Apparel	4.3	4.2	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.6	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.8	4.7	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.2	4.3	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	14.3	14.7	17.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.7	12.1	14.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.2	2.8
Other Leather Products	2.6	2.6	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.4	1.5	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	359.1	361.5	345.0	91.1	90.6	88.2	26.9	26.7	85.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	24.4	25.2	21.0	6.2	6.3	5.6	1.7	1.8	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.9	20.7	19.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	21.1	20.6	7.9	8.0	7.8	2.0	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	87.7	90.7	84.5	22.6	22.9	22.3	6.9	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	20.9	19.9	9.4	9.4	9.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	96.4	97.9	92.5	24.5	24.9	23.4	9.5	9.4	8.8
Government	88.7	85.3	86.7	14.8	13.4	14.4	3.6	3.5	3.5
Federal	18.6	18.4	18.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	70.1	66.9	68.3	13.2	11.8	12.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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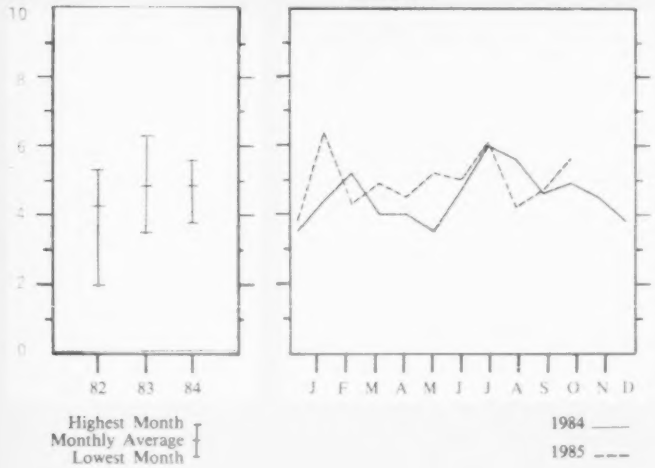
New Applications For Work

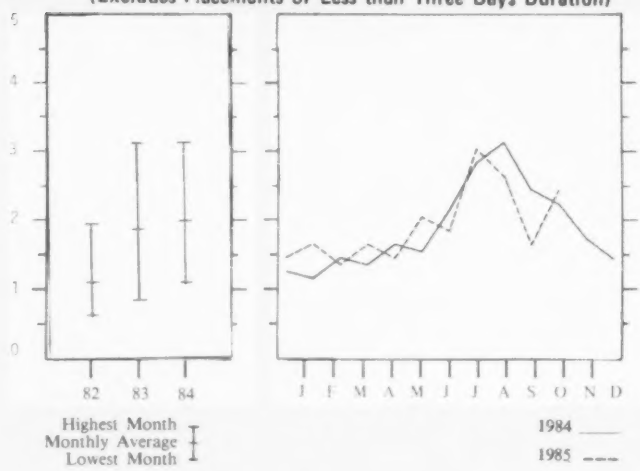
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$333.43	$329.67	$329.15	39.6	39.9	39.8	$8.42	$8.26	$8.27	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	332.13	324.39	344.29	38.8	39.9	40.6	8.56	8.13	8.48	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	341.65	330.83	323.21	40.1	40.1	40.3	8.52	8.25	8.02	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	352.70	342.79	320.30	42.7	41.5	42.2	8.26	8.26	7.59	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	372.37	376.97	370.13	40.3	41.0	42.3	9.24	9.17	8.75	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	281.98	283.84	299.92	37.2	37.2	38.9	7.58	7.63	7.71	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	326.16	326.90	401.70	36.0	41.6	41.2	9.06	7.86	9.75	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	334.03	332.77	319.51	40.1	39.9	39.3	8.33	8.34	8.13	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	245.16	243.38	230.75	36.7	37.1	35.5	6.68	6.56	6.50	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	268.66	279.47	258.96	40.4	41.9	41.5	6.65	6.67	6.24	6.13	5.97	5.49
Apparel	208.80	206.12	197.38	36.0	35.6	35.5	5.80	5.79	5.56	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	548.34	554.16	532.22	44.4	43.6	44.5	12.35	12.71	11.96	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	218.25	220.13	206.26	37.5	37.5	35.5	5.82	5.87	5.81	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	312.83	288.41	287.56	41.0	39.4	39.5	7.63	7.32	7.28	7.11	6.60	6.22
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	341.30	322.30	319.73	38.1	36.5	38.2	8.96	8.83	8.37	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	258.61	254.98	249.28	38.2	38.4	38.0	6.77	6.64	6.56	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	239.8	245.7	241.3
Unemployed	11.6	12.2	15.6
(Percent)	4.8%	5.0%	6.5%
Resident Employed	228.2	233.6	225.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	325.5	324.5	315.3	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	545.8	566.0	557.2	524.7	544.2	529.5	21.1	21.8	27.7	3.9	3.9	5.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,000	46,600	48,000	46,400	45,100	46,000	1,600	1,500	2,000	3.3	3.2	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	41,600	42,300	39,400	39,500	39,600	2,000	2,100	2,700	4.8	5.0	6.4
Portland MSA	104,300	104,100	105,800	101,800	101,500	102,100	2,500	2,600	3,700	2.4	2.5	3.5
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	105,560	108,450	103,500	102,860	105,410	99,260	2,700	3,040	4,240	2.6	2.8	4.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,060	30,610	30,980	28,780	29,450	29,380	1,280	1,160	1,600	4.3	3.8	5.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,100	25,060	26,280	23,320	24,270	25,370	780	790	910	3.2	3.2	3.5
Belfast	10,490	11,020	11,340	9,780	10,290	10,500	710	730	840	6.8	6.6	7.4
Biddeford	24,130	24,870	23,680	23,330	24,010	22,440	800	860	1,240	3.3	3.5	5.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,050	10,870	9,150	9,720	10,550	8,790	330	320	360	3.3	2.9	3.9
Calais-Eastport	15,110	15,610	15,990	14,360	14,910	14,950	750	700	1,040	5.0	4.5	6.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,910	27,630	21,390	19,740	26,040	19,610	1,170	1,590	1,780	5.6	5.8	8.3
Central Penobscot	4,520	4,460	4,430	4,340	4,300	4,230	180	160	200	4.0	3.6	4.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,550	6,540	6,690	6,270	6,280	6,330	280	260	360	4.3	4.0	5.4
Ellsworth	23,450	24,700	22,950	22,790	24,030	22,010	660	670	940	2.8	2.7	4.1
Farmington	12,660	12,780	13,440	11,830	11,930	12,440	830	850	1,000	6.6	6.7	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,940	8,470	6,470	5,660	8,090	6,130	280	380	340	4.7	4.5	5.3
Greenville	1,440	1,570	1,740	1,380	1,510	1,630	60	60	110	4.2	3.8	6.3
Houlton	5,290	7,520	5,400	5,040	7,150	5,100	250	370	300	4.7	4.9	5.6
Kittery-York 3/	23,350	24,000	22,700	23,120	23,760	22,290	230	240	410	1.0	1.0	1.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,220	6,330	6,330	5,920	6,010	5,980	300	320	350	4.8	5.1	5.5
Livermore Falls	3,440	3,720	4,050	3,190	3,440	3,690	250	280	360	7.3	7.5	8.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,180	5,590	4,520	3,930	5,340	4,240	250	250	280	6.0	4.5	6.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,430	5,470	5,430	5,240	5,250	5,230	190	220	200	3.5	4.0	3.7
Norway-Paris	9,130	9,040	9,050	8,650	8,590	8,430	480	450	620	5.3	5.0	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,740	3,730	2,620	2,650	3,600	2,510	90	130	110	3.3	3.5	4.2
Rockland	18,530	19,190	19,600	17,960	18,560	18,760	570	630	840	3.1	3.3	4.3
Rumford	9,560	9,670	9,910	9,130	9,200	9,150	430	470	760	4.5	4.9	7.7
Sanford	12,780	12,990	13,440	11,930	12,190	12,750	850	800	690	6.7	6.2	5.1
Sebago Lakes Region	10,120	10,050	9,730	9,820	9,730	9,320	300	320	410	3.0	3.2	4.2
Skowhegan	21,940	22,120	23,010	20,750	20,920	21,490	1,190	1,200	1,520	5.4	5.4	6.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,420	8,410	8,400	7,840	7,840	7,790	580	570	610	6.9	6.8	7.3
Waterville	21,500	21,890	22,360	20,580	21,010	21,230	920	880	1,130	4.3	4.0	5.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,709.7	1,686.0	n/a	1,630.7	1,616.0	n/a	79.0	70.0	n/a	4.6	4.2
Massachusetts	3,040.0	3,066.0	3,053.6	2,925.0	2,946.0	2,949.5	115.0	121.0	104.1	3.8	3.9	3.4
New Hampshire	540.3	541.7	529.0	526.4	526.6	512.2	13.9	15.1	16.8	2.6	2.8	3.2
Rhode Island	509.4	508.8	500.6	490.2	489.1	478.5	19.2	19.7	22.1	3.8	3.9	4.4
Vermont	282.5	277.9	279.0	271.5	266.6	269.7	10.9	11.3	9.3	3.9	4.1	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,105.1	6,048.2	n/a	5,859.0	5,825.9	n/a	246.1	222.3	n/a	4.0	3.7
UNITED STATES 4/	116,346	115,850	114,250	108,428	107,867	106,262	7,917	7,984	7,989	6.8	6.9	7.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,490	6,901	7,259	797	931	936	859	756	914
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	1.5	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.3	2.0	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.3	6.8	5.0
Clerical and Sales	13.4	16.5	19.3
Service	6.7	7.4	10.3
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.6	1.6	1.3
Processing	3.3	4.8	6.0
Machine Trades	20.2	18.7	16.0
Benchwork	26.1	23.2	16.4
Structural Work	10.3	9.0	9.5
Miscellaneous	11.1	12.0	12.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.0	56.6	55.2
Under 22	5.8	6.0	6.7
22-24	9.7	9.2	10.5
25-34	27.9	29.1	27.6
35-39	11.7	12.3	10.4
Total 40 and Over	45.0	43.4	44.8
40-44	9.0	9.0	8.2
45-54	14.1	14.2	13.9
55-64	11.0	11.0	10.7
65 and Over	10.9	9.2	12.9

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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